Sl. No.	Name of the State	Total funds relaesed (Rs.)	Funds utilized for SCs/STs (Rs.)	Total No. of beneficiaries	No. of beneficiaries (SC/ST)
16.	Manipur	3,72,215/-	74,443/-	—	—
17.	Nagaland	4,66,125/-	93,225/-	275	55
18.	Orissa	8,20,233/-	1,64,047/-	—	—
19.	Punjab	44,146/-	8,829/-	—	—
20.	Rajasthan	5,99,740/-	1,19,948/-	320	64
21.	Sikkim	1,96,305/-	39,261/-	—	—
22.	Tamil Nadu	32,400/-	6,480/-	—	—
23.	Uttar Pradesh	26,55,272/-	5,31,054/-	330	66
24.	Uttarakhand	87,750/-	17,550/-	60	12
25.	West Bengal	38,15,188/-	7,63,038/-	300	60
	Total:	3,52,39,259/-	70,47,853/-	11525	2305

Development of cricket through sports hostels

4731. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 2725 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 26th April, 2007 and state:

(a) the reasons for leaving the entire aspect of improving the performance of Indian Cricket team, particularly when the team failed repeatedly, to the BCCI;

(B) whether Government propose to develop the game of cricket through its sports hostels and other facilities rather than just relying on BCCI which has become almost a non-entity due to various internal problems; and

(c) if so, the details thereof including the attention to the aspect of catch them young and coach them?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) In terms of the National Sports Policy, 2002, the responsibility for the promotion of sports disciplines, including the aspect of improving performance, lies with the National Sports Federations/ Associations concerned. Government only supplements the efforts of the

NSFs by providing financial assistance as per admissibility under the scheme of Assistance to NSFs. The BCCI is not taking any financial assistance from the Government for any of its cricketing activities. In view of this, Government have no direct role in the day-to-day functioning of the BCCI and it is for them to take appropriate measures for improving the performance for Indian Cricket Team. This arms-length relationship between Government and NSFs is being reviewed in the context of the direction given to the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports to prepare a Comprehensive Sports Policy.

(b) and (c) The Sports Authority of India is running various sports promotional schemes such as the National Sports Context Scheme (NSTC), Special Area Games (SAG), SAI Training Centre (STC), Army Boys Sports Company (ABSC) and Centres of Excellence (COX). There are about 13000 trainees at 230 centres all over India under SAI. As cricket is not an identified discipline under these sports promotional schemes of SAI, training in cricket is provided by SAI coaches under the scheme of Regular Coaching/Pay & Play Scheme by charging a nominal fee.

Steps to improve game of cricket

4732. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of India's dismal performance in Cricket World Cup, 2007, Government propose in consultation with and the help of BCCI, and its affiliated units, to take steps to improve the game in the country from junior school level and above; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when a final decision is likely to be taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) and (b) The promotion of cricket in the country is the responsibility of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI), which is an autonomous body registered under the Societies Registration Act 1860. BCCI have reviewed the performance of the Indian Team in the ICC World Cup 2007 in consultation with former captains of the Indian Cricket Team. Based on the inputs received, the BCCI is taking necessary steps for improving the preparation of the Indian Cricket Team for participation in